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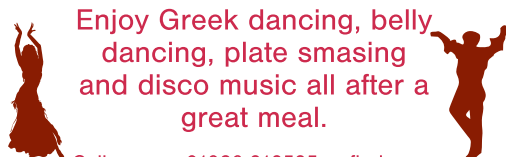


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Hundreds remember the Battle of Britain



HUNDREDS of onlookers lined the streets of Banbury at the weekend as the town remembered the Battle of Britain.

A Spitfire fighter plane made three low-level flights over the town on Sunday as a military and civic parade led by Banbury Air Cadets, pictured, made its way through the centre.

The battle was fought over southern England in the summer and autumn of 1940, with the RAF's defeat of the Luftwaffe a major factor preventing Hitler from invading England.

Sunday's parade saw scores march along High Street, round The Cross into Horsefair and to St Mary's Church for a memorial service.

HORTON PLAN CHALLENGED

A DOWNGRADE of maternity services at the Horton General Hospital is being challenged on three separate fronts.

Plans to make the Banbury hospital midwife-led, with high-risk expectant mothers giving birth at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford instead, are coming into effect on October 3.

But Oxfordshire County Council's health overview and scrutiny committee asked Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (OUH) last week to answer key questions on its contingency plans to ensure safety.

If the committee is not satisfied that everything possible has been done to keep mothers and babies safe it may choose to refer the matter to the Health Secretary.

Committee chairwoman Yvonne Constance said: "The big issue that doesn't seem to have been addressed is why are all these patients being transported to the John Radcliffe?"

It follows months of failed attempts by OUH to recruit enough middle-grade obstetricians to keep the current service at the Horton.

Back in 2008, the same committee referred proposals to downgrade maternity and children's services at the Banbury hospital to the then-Health

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Secretary Alan Johnson, who rejected them.

Bosses at OUH will try to come to an agreement with the committee at its next meeting on Friday, September 30. The earliest date services could now be reinstated is January 9, 2017.

Meanwhile, a crowdfunding campaign led by the Keep the Horton General (KTHG) group to mount a legal challenge to the decision has raised £5,000 just days after its launch.

So far about 130 donors have made contributions, including £1,000 from local firm the Hawking Group.

Solicitors firm Leigh Day has been instructed by KTHG to seek legal redress to challenge OUH. A further £15,000 is still needed.

Chairman Keith Strangwood said: "We are optimistic."

"It's very touching to see the community behind us. When we gave them all the documented information Leigh Day agreed we may have a case."

At the same time the MP for Banbury, Victoria Prentis, has secured a Ten Minute Rule Bill to discuss issues affecting the Horton in the House of Commons.

On Tuesday, October 25 Mrs Prentis, who was born at the Horton, will have ten minutes to propose a change to the current legislation in the light of the crisis.

In a statement read out at Thursday's health overview and scrutiny committee meeting she said she was "genuinely afraid that lives will be lost" after the suspension of obstetric services at the Horton.

Paul Brennan, director of clinical services at OUH, said: "We are very happy to have the opportunity to discuss this in more detail on September 30 but, for patient safety reasons, we will obviously need to continue to plan to put in place the new temporary arrangements from the beginning of October."

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Trauma teams are still the best

TRAUMA teams at the Horton General Hospital have held their top position for the treatment of hip fractures for the fourth year running.

Doctors at the Banbury hospital have again been listed in the 'top five' for best practice in the UK on the National Hip Fracture Database Report.

The report assesses standards around prompt surgical and geriatric care in 177 hospitals around the county.

In the past year nine out of 10 patients were operated on for a hip fracture on the same day as their fall.

A total of 57 per cent were able to return to their own homes within 30 days.

The report also noted the Horton's above-average results for pain management, total hip replacement procedures, falls prevention, osteoporosis assessment and mortality rates.

Jon Westbrook, divisional director for trauma at Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, said: "I would like to congratulate our team at the Horton.

"We are very pleased to have maintained our 'top five' when measured against a set of national standards of best practice for the fourth year running. Our adjusted 30-day mortality rate is better than the national average for the second year running."

Waste warning

RESIDENTS in Cherwell have been warned of racking up a £1,000 fine if found to be helping rogue scrap metal traders.

Cherwell District Council has called on people to ensure they ask scrap metal dealers for proof of their licence before handing over rubbish.

As part of the neighbourhood blitz being hosted by the district council those areas taking part are eligible for free bulky waste collections.

Young people sing out to support worthy a cause

Talented musicians take to the stage to raise cash for young homeless project

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SCORES of young people left Banbury Town Hall spellbound after a charity concert was put on by their peers.

The Banbury Young Homelessness Project Rocks gig last Friday was organised by local people and featured seven budding musicians aged 10 to 19, playing original compositions and covers to raise vital funds.

About 70 people attended on the night.

BYHP head of business Tim Tarby-Donald said: "It was ace. The young musicians were just brilliant.

"Every one of them completely knocked it out of the park. They were so professional and so talented. Lots were quite nervous but didn't show it."

About £500 in ticket sales was raised for BYHP, which assists vulnerable young people in housing need to take control over their lives.

The event was set up by local



Left, Lindsey-May Cooper; right, Erin Tiger Lilley; inset, Charlie Leavy and Jake Melles Pictures: Steve Lavelle

mother-of-two Sarah Lilley as well as a team from BYHP, which is based in Chandos Close.

Performers Lindsey-May Cooper, Katy Jackson, Deslynn Smith, Isaac Stuart, Erin Tiger Lilley, Charlie Leavy and Jake Melles each played four songs on the night, ending with a final number from Mr Melles: a rendition of Abba's *Dancing Queen* played on the

acoustic guitar.

Attendee Rebecca Mileham said: "We really enjoyed the evening on Friday. There was such an impressive range of musical talent."

Mr Tarby-Donald added: "BYHP is very lucky to have supporters like Sarah and these young performers who want to help raise public awareness of the work we do and much-needed funds to help

us maintain the range of services we offer.

"This event in particular is special for us as these young musicians are giving of their time to support other young people in Banbury.

"Often youngsters get a bad press but this is a wonderful act of generosity and support for their peers."



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Making a splash at damp garden party



Adderbury Annual Garden Party

PARTYGOERS braved the rain for the Adderbury Annual Garden Party in support of St Mary's church.

Val Scarff, event organiser and member of St Mary's Church, said: "The afternoon improved a little and everyone rallied round with great enthusiasm to defy the rain and get on with it."

There were a number of stalls for guests to peruse, selling cakes, clothes, plants, and homemade jams. Despite the rain, the lush gardens of

the Manor House in Mill Lane in Adderbury provided a great spot for the event.

The event was hosted by the house owners, Sir Martin and Lady Jacob, whose lush gardens provided ample space for the celebration.

Ticket prices and cakes purchased amounted to £1,178 which will go directly in support of St Mary's Church.

The event ran smoothly thanks to a number of local volunteers.



Tips of Olympian

OLYMPIC hockey player Chris Cargo dropped by to give youngsters at Sibford School, near Banbury, a few tips and tricks for the sport.

The Irish international spent a day with the school's under-15s hockey team and took part in PE lessons.

Teacher Allison Warrillow said: "It was a fabulous day and the girls picked up some really expert advice. To have a visit from an Olympic athlete so soon after the Rio games was a great coup and we are really grateful to Chris for spending the day with us."

The Olympian has just transferred to Hampstead and Westminster Hockey Club.

Fraudster alert

POLICE have warned businesses after owners were left "distressed" by a fraudster who duped them out of cash.

The conman entered a business in Banbury on Wednesday September 7, and told the owners he desperately needed to sell his stock.

The Calthorpe Street business owner agreed to buy the goods and handed over cash to the man who police described as Asian and in his forties or fifties.

But when they went with the man to collect the items he distracted them and ran off without handing over the goods.

Reading support

VOLUNTEERS are needed to work on reading skills with primary schoolchildren by charity ARCh.

People from Oxford, Banbury, Kidlington, Bicester, Didcot, Berinsfield and Brackley are most needed. Spaces are still available on the training courses that will be held on September 27 and 28.

ARCh is an assisted reading charity that goes into primary schools around the county to help youngsters learn to read.

For more information on becoming a volunteer see archoxfordshire.org.uk

Post office will make move down the road

Branch's new home in shopping centre is set to offer better service

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A POST office is moving 500 metres down the road, in order to give its customers a better service.

Banbury Post Office is moving its home on the town's High Street to the WHSmith store in Castle Quay Shopping Centre.

The upgrade is part of a national move which has seen thousands of branches modernised, to keep up with changing public demands.



MP Victoria Prentis

The move follows fears that it may be closing permanently unless a franchisee could be found to host it.

Victoria Prentis, MP for North Oxfordshire, said:

"While I know that some of my constituents had expressed concerns about the franchising of the Banbury Post Office, I am really relieved that it has been possible to retain such an important service in the town centre.

"WHSmith is an accessible location; moving the branch to a retail setting will enable the post office to continue serving the community. I would much rather this scenario than Banbury's post office closing altogether."

The new location promises an open-plan design with seven days-a-week service, and easy access for those with disabilities.

Situated at the ground

floor, it will feature ramps, handrails and widened shopping aisles. The Post Office plans to contact local disability groups to notify them of the changes and offer to take them through the new layout.

Roger Gale, the general manager for the Post Office's Crown branch network, said: "We are committed to remaining on high streets and at the heart of communities. We are making changes right across our network to enable us to do so."

"That means adapting to the needs of our customers, who want flexibility and choice about how and when they do business with us, whether that is face to face or on the web."

The final day of service at the previous Post Office location will be November 9. The new branch will open at 9am the following day, and will remain open an extra 4.5 hours weekly.

Hours of operation will be from 9am - 5.30pm Monday to Saturday, and 10am - 2.30pm on Sunday.

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Half term treats in store for children


ATTENTIONS are starting to turn to keeping children entertained in the Cherwell district over the school October half term, after the council's record-breaking summer holiday hub.

Cherwell District Council has said its summer scheme was the most successful yet, but it hoped to better it during the October break.

District council deputy leader George Reynolds said: "I'm delighted that the summer

hubs were such a success, with record attendances and an exciting range of guest activities."



October's half term holiday hubs will be held at the Cooper School in Bicester and North Oxfordshire Academy in Banbury, from October 24 to 28. The children's sessions costs £14.95 for a short day and £18.95 for a full day. Booking lines will be open from October 3.



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Church secretary Marilyn Nutt and Cherwell district councillor John Donaldson

Congregation welcomes new church

FOR nearly six decades the Fairway Methodist Church has served the Banbury community, but in the past few years the building has fallen into an abandoned state.

Cherwell District Council's "Build!" project has seen the site transformed over the past year to inject some life and worshippers are looking forward to using the new building.

As the first phase of the revamp the old building was

demolished and a new church put in its place, ahead of 11 homes also being built on the site. The council's lead member for housing, John Donaldson, said: "The 'Build!' project is about more than just delivering new houses; it is about building communities and meeting the needs of residents."

"The previous church building, which dated back to 1957, had been left empty for two years forcing the congregation to travel elsewhere for their

sermons and services. This area had effectively become a large brownfield site with a disused church at the front and untended gardens to the rear."

The new church building will continue as Fairway Methodist Church. There will then be 11 two or three-bed homes built behind the church.

A time capsule was also uncovered containing newspapers from 1957. It has been preserved and added to before being buried again.

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Crowds at the inaugural Banbury Parkrun

Parkrun awards for the stalwarts

Running event marks its second birthday with a special celebration

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A SPECIAL event to celebrate the second birthday of the Banbury Parkrun is being held this weekend in Spiceball Park.

The weekly running challenge features scores of locals, from children as young as four to pensioners in their 70s, running at their chosen pace around the green space.

For its second anniversary on Saturday participants are invited to arrive half-an-hour early at 8.30am to hear speeches and take part in an awards ceremony celebrating the achievements of those who regularly take part.

Michael Dobson, a local personal trainer and Banbury Parkrun event director, said a variety of awards would be handed out.

He added: "Awards are not necessarily for the best runner."

"It's also for those who have been there every week, for those who have got a new personal best and also if you volunteer."

Parkrun relies completely on volunteers and every week between 15 and 20 people turn up to help marshal the event.

Mr Dobson said: "Without the volunteers it wouldn't run. It's great we get so many. It's such a community event."

Although those taking part are timed so that they can try to improve their speed each week, Mr Dobson said the Banbury Parkrun was categorically not a race.

"It's very similar to a race, but what makes it different is that it's inclusive. Anyone can enter to take part from the age of four. "The whole point of it is the so-

cial appeal. No one should be put under any pressure".

When the run first began two years ago, around 80 people took part.

Since then that number has more than doubled to approximately 200.

Helen Roberts, 51, who regularly runs with her partner Grant Goodings, 55, and son Barnaby, 10, has taken part from the very start.

She said: "It's much bigger now compared to when it started and whole families and people of all ages go."

"It's a very friendly atmosphere and there are people you see about town who recognise you from the Parkrun."

Anyone who wants to take part in the Banbury Parkrun is invited to bring along food or cake to share at the end and socialise with others.

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Pupils rise to occasion with show-stopping cupcakes



Children from Beachborough School, who took part in the bake-off

BUDDING bakers rolled up their sleeves at Bloxham School and cooked up a storm inspired by the *Great British Bake Off*.

On Saturday, September 17 a young cohort from Beachborough School visited the food technology department and were challenged to produce show-stopping cupcakes using their technical skills and

creative flair in a format similar to the hit BBC television show.

Former Bloxham School pupil Julia Nash, a director of Oxfordshire-wide firm Nash's Bakery Ltd, returned specially to judge the competition.

She said: "It has been a real pleasure coming back to my old school.

"There are some fantastic facilities here, and it's wonderful to see the children so enthusiastic.

"We definitely have a few bakers in the making."

Youngsters Holly Brigden and Pippa How were both named 'star baker' and each went home with the latest *Great British Bake Off* recipe book.

Plan for future is close to fruition

Electorate now to get a chance to cast a vote for neighbourhood proposals

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AN EMBRYONIC neighbourhood plan for the Bloxham area is a step closer to becoming reality after councillors agreed it was ready to go to a referendum.

The draft form of a shared vision by locals for their area was pored over by an independent examiner over the summer and his report was seen by Cherwell District Council.

At an executive meeting on Monday, September 5 members agreed to amend the plan to meet the examiner's recommendations before going to referendum.

Neighbourhood planning gives communities the power to shape the places where new homes, shops and places of work could be built.

Colin Clarke, the lead member for planning, said: "We are pleased to support Bloxham villagers in this plan to take control of developments that come to their village.

"Neighbourhood planning will give them the ability to better protect their village's heritage, but also shape the parish's future in a way that meets their needs."

The final form of the Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan was submitted in November 2015 and



Bloxham could soon have its own neighbourhood plan

includes demographics and historical context for the village near Banbury.

Based on extensive research and consultation with Bloxham residents, its four stated aims are to 'Deliver the houses the village needs'; 'Protect and enhance our rural heritage'; 'Promote economic vitality'; and 'Ensure a safe, healthy, cohesive community'.

Key spaces, including the area fronting the Bloxham School main buildings, Hobb Hill and views from Courtington Lane are among those earmarked for special protection.

In her report, the examiner said the plan was "well presented" and "various and numerous efforts have been made to engage the community".

A series of small modifications have been recommended and approved by CDC and the plan will shortly be voted on by Bloxham's 4,800-strong electorate. If approved it will be considered and referred to in determining planning applications in the parish.

Mr Clarke added: "If the referendum result favours the plan, Cherwell will continue to support and guide the parish through its implementation."

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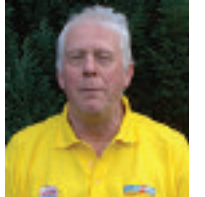
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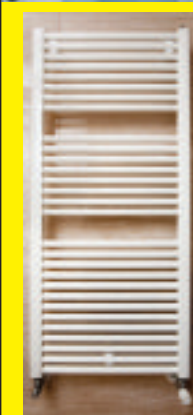
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New borders to change the constituency

Commission plans to reshuffle boundaries to balance electorate

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THOUSANDS of people in North Oxfordshire could vote in a different parliamentary constituency for the 2020 general election.

The Boundary Commission said the Banbury constituency was “too large” and should be renamed Banbury and Bicester, to recognise the growing significance of the latter town.

Under the changes, the Fringford, Launton, and Ambrosden & Chesterton wards would also be transferred to the Henley and Thame constituency, currently just called Henley.

While these areas border Bicester, no wards in the

town itself would become part of a different constituency.

It emerged in a recently-published report that the Boundary Commission is seeking to reduce the number of MPs from 650 to 600 and balance the size of electorates.

Changes to the sizes of constituencies are being proposed across the country to bring them within five per cent of 74,769.

Of Oxfordshire’s six constituencies, there are proposed changes to five. Only Witney would be unchanged.

Henley and Thame would also absorb Wallingford, currently part of Wantage.

But the commission said the changes meant the wards Wheatley, Garsington & Horspath and Sandford & The Wittenhams should be moved into the Oxford West and Abingdon seat to prevent Henley and Thame becoming too large.

In turn, Wantage would absorb the Thames ward, currently part of Oxford West and Abingdon.

Meanwhile, the commission said Oxford East was too small and proposed adding the wards of North and St Margaret’s to it, taking them out of Oxford West and Abingdon.

According to findings published this week by election analyst Ian Warren, the changes would not have resulted in Oxfordshire sending different MPs to Westminster last year.

Based on 2015 general election data, Conservative MP Victoria Prentis would still have won the proposed Banbury and Bicester seat with a majority of 30.2 per cent.

The commission has launched a 12-week consultation on the changes, which would not take effect until 2020.

To comment, visit bce2018.org.uk.

Donation supports hospice’s work

WHEELCHAIRS at Sobell House, bought following a £5,400 donation from the parent company of the *Banbury Cake*, are continuing to make a big difference to the Headington hospice.

Patients have benefited from the Enigma Spirit wheelchairs, according to day service and allied health professional team leader Neale Conner.

She said: “People really like the new ones because they are lightweight and stylish.”

At the same time our sister paper the *Oxford Mail* is supporting staff and patients with a £40,000 fundraising campaign to pay for 100 days of care.

The money will go towards Sobell’s £9m fundraising drive for a purpose-built extension for dementia patients.

Diane Gardner, chief executive of Sobell House Hospice Charity, said earlier the extension would be designed to suit the needs of dementia patients and make be easier for them to navigate.

Staff at the hospice in the grounds of the Churchill Hospital have urged charitable organisations to apply for a grant from the Gannett Foundation, as its patients benefited from the donation two years ago.

Good causes are now being invited to apply for a slice of funding worth up to £10,000 each from Gannett Media.

The grant scheme, part of the firm’s charitable arm The Gannett Foundation, runs annually to support the



From left, occupational therapist Charlotte Sweeney, team leader Neale Conner, senior physiotherapist Anna McMullen and ward sister Alex Jones



community and has helped secure the future for many smaller charities since the 1990s.

Ms Conner added: “The wheelchairs are lasting well and have made life so much easier for patients and carers.”

To apply you must represent a registered charity or must not have received a grant from the foundation within the past two years. Applications will only be accepted electronically on the approved application form with full answers and necessary materials given. The closing date for applications is October 14, and forms can be found at banburycake.co.uk/gannettfoundation.

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Mayor is needed with Boris appeal

Councils call for a civic leader to 'bang the drum' for the county overseas

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A "JETSETTING" mayor to promote Oxfordshire on the world stage is on the cards as part of a devolution deal with the government.

The directly-elected mayor could lead a combined authority and "bang the drum" for the county overseas, with officials calling for a figure like former London mayor Boris Johnson, pictured.

Council leaders previously opposed the idea, but now say it is being looked at as they try to find common ground after a series of disagreements.

West Oxfordshire District Council leader James Mills said: "We are lacking clear political leadership on a number of issues and a mayor could help to improve that situation and act as an ambassador for the county."



"That would mean promoting our high-tech businesses, universities and visitor economies to the world."

"The government has said any devolution deal will be commensurate to the level of change they see to local government structures, so I would take that to mean they want someone like a mayor who can have a clear overview."

"If we are looking to get the best deal possible we need to look at all our options."

John Cotton, leader of South Oxfordshire District Council, said an "outward-facing" mayor could advertise the county's businesses abroad.

He added: "Boris Johnson travelled to bang the drum for London and I think we need someone like that jetsetting all over the place, telling companies abroad to come on in."

The idea emerged after a fresh row about proposals to cut the number of councils in Oxfordshire.

Despite publishing two

separate reports on the subject – costing £200,000 overall – the five district councils remain at odds with the county council over its proposal to merge with all of them and become a single, 'unitary' authority to save money.

They instead want to create three unitary councils, for the north and south of the county and the city, but the disagreement is threatening to derail their bid to the government for major powers.

A devolution deal being sought would give local control over billion-pound budgets for roads, housing and the health service, but ministers say it will not be granted unless councils agree on reforms.

The government has previously said only areas that propose directly-elected mayors are likely to win substantial powers.

On Wednesday, county council leader Ian Hudspeth said he had been calling for a mayor to be considered since February.

Mr Hudspeth added: "I stand by what I said, which is that we should look at all the options including a mayor."

"It is the district councils who were opposed to having a mayor, so if they are now serious about that idea then I am of course up for looking at it."



Elizabeth Csak with Roger, left, and Winston

Horses join brewery's team

SHIRE horses Roger, pictured left, and Winston are the latest addition to the team at Hook Norton Brewery.

The pair will be delivering beer to nearby pubs on Thursdays and Fridays, weather permitting, and will be out and about in Hook Norton on the first Saturday of every month.

They join fellow steeds Major and Nelson and are also set to make appearances at game fairs, country shows and beer festivals.

Eight-year-old Roger and Winston, 10,

are black and pure-bred, standing at just under two metres tall.

A spokesman for Hook Norton Brewery said: "Shire horses have been an integral part of brewery life since day one and for many, many years, were the reliable backbone of its delivery system."

"The shire horses will be looked after by long serving drayman Roger Hughes along with new groom Elizabeth Csak and will make their home in the brewery stables."

Visitors who come for tours could also meet the horses in the stables, he added.

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Stay in saddle for remake

THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN (12A, 133 mins) Western/Action/Drama. Denzel Washington, Chris Pratt, Ethan Hawke, Byung-hun Lee, Vincent D'Onofrio, Manuel Garcia-Rulfo, Martin Sensmeier, Peter Sarsgaard, Haley Bennett, Luke Grimes, Matt Bomer. Director: Antoine Fuqua

TOWARDS the bullet-riddled end of director Antoine Fuqua's stylish western remake, a voiceover recalls the heroism of seven righteous men, who fought for a town in jeopardy.

"It was magnificent," gushes the film's narrator.

That's going a little far.

In its bombastic latest incarnation, *The Magnificent Seven* lassoes a stellar cast and a rollicking soundtrack composed by the late, great James Horner.

It's entertaining but Fuqua struggles to distinguish his battle royale between morally conflicted men from the countless westerns that have trotted down this same trail.

It is 1879 and the scars of the US Civil War are yet to heal.

The God-fearing folk of Rose Creek seek solace in church, but the peace is shattered by greedy industrialist Bartholomew Bogue (Sarsgaard) and his goons, who aim to drive families out of their homes.

"Twenty dollars for each parcel of land," Bogue tells the enraged congregation, shooting dead several dissenters.

Widow Emma Cullen (Haley Bennett) canter to nearby Amador City to enlist the help of bounty hunter Sam Chisolm (Washington) to kill Bogue.

Moved by Emma's plight, the gunslinger corrals six men to wage war in Rose Creek: gambler Josh Farraday (Chris Pratt), sharp shooter Goodnight Robicheaux (Ethan Hawke), assassin Billy Rocks (Byung-hun Lee), tracker Jack Horne (Vincent D'Onofrio), Mexican outlaw Vasquez (Manuel Garcia-Rulfo) and Comanche Red Harvest (Martin Sensmeier).

The scene is set for a rootin' tootin' showdown. *The Magnificent Seven* rests comfortably on the shoulders of Washington and his co-stars.

Pratt continues to pigeonhole himself as Hollywood's favourite wisecracking action man and Hawke and Lee are a fascinating double-act.

The script is peppered with one-liners and the assault on Rose Creek packs in sufficient excitement to warrant staying in the saddle for 133 minutes.

DARE TO BE WILD (PG, 100 mins)

Drama/Romance. Emma Greenwell, Tom Hughes, Christine Marzano, Lorna Quinn, Janie Dee, Alex Macqueen, Brendan Collard, Alaa Safi.

Director: Vivienne DeCourcy

IN THE pantheons of garden design, Mary Reynolds is the equivalent of a rock star.

In 2002 she became a cause célèbre with her first entry at the Chelsea Flower Show – a Celtic sanctuary garden steeped in mysticism and full of rambling wild flowers.

Her intention, to recapture the untouched splendour of the countryside lost in formal modern gardens, sowed the seeds of a design movement dedicated to natural simplicity.

Writer-director Vivienne DeCourcy's drama tells of Reynolds' trip from the landscapes of West Cork to leafy SW3 London via African deserts.

It's a true story of triumph and daring against convention.

From a young age, Mary Reynolds (Emma Greenwell) is inspired to cherish the natural world and her Celtic roots.

She sketches magical gardens and secures a job working with Charlotte Heavey (Christine Marzano), garden designer to the rich and fabulous.

Charlotte exploits her protégée's talent and shamelessly steals designs to pass them off as her own.

"Make sure you're not ripped off," best friend Eve (Lorna Quinn) warns Mary to no avail.



Chris Pratt as Josh Farraday in *The Magnificent Seven*; inset, Tom Hughes as Christy Collard in *Dare To Be Wild*

When the post ends Mary dreams of creating a garden at the Chelsea Flower Show.

Helped by Marigold (Janie Dee), Mary is invited to compete with her revolutionary design.

She enlists the help of handsome botanist Christy Collard (Tom Hughes) to source native plants.

They have 80 days to win £250,000 of sponsorship plus three weeks to turn a plot of earth into Mary's vision.

However, the project relies on Christy, who has a project to reclaim the Ethiopian desert.

Dare To Be Wild looks magnificent but our intrepid wilts well before the flower show judges bestow their medals.

Cake Bookworm

Mount! by Jilly Cooper is published in hardback by Bantam Press, priced £20 (ebook £9.99)

JILLY Cooper, British queen of the bonkbuster and national treasure is back with her latest novel *Mount!*, which sees the highly anticipated return of her most popular character, the horsey heartbreaker Rupert Campbell-Black. And while Rupert is once again setting hearts aflutter across the country, it's the horses that are getting most of the action, as *Mount!* is set in the world of horse breeding and flat racing. The story follows Rupert, pitted against old enemies Isa Lovell and Cosmo Rannaldini in a race to win leading sire – with Rupert determined that his prize stallion Love Rat will be crowned. Left at home juggling the family while Rupert's off chasing winners around the world, his darling wife Taggie falls into the arms of Jan, the exceptionally handsome and

utterly charming carer of Rupert's wayward geriatric father Old Eddie, while setback after setback on the racing track make Rupert's dream seem ever more impossible. Cooper writes characters that you can really root for, despite the fact that she never disguises their faults.

A Deadly Thaw by Sarah Ward is published by Faber & Faber, priced £12.99 (ebook £4.68)

LENA Fisher served a 10-year prison sentence for killing her husband. So, when his newly-dead body is found a year after her release, it becomes apparent nothing is as it seems. As Lena's sister, Kat, battles personal demons to unravel a web of love, loss, cruelty and false memories from two decades' past, she reaches a chilling conclusion that is all-too-believable. Beautifully crafted with elegant understatement, this is Sarah Ward's second crime thriller set in the Peak District.

Sex And Death: Stories, edited by

Sarah Hall and Peter Hobbs, is published in hardback by Faber & Faber, priced £18.99 (ebook £8.96)

IT COULD be argued that all tales are, somehow, about sex or death, but in this collection of 20 short stories written by authors around the world, these tantalising themes are thrust into the spotlight. Some are laugh-out-loud funny, such as Alan Warner's *Porto Baso Scale Modellers*, when an attractive woman tries to join a group of elderly model plane enthusiasts. Some are creepy, for example *In The Reactor*, by Peter Hobbs, about two dummy nuclear plant workers. And some are overtly sexual, but it's not a collection of soft porn stories. Instead, there's plenty to provoke longer thought – *Fin* by Lynn Coody and *Reversible* by Courtia Newland throw up difficult subjects – with a couple of light-hearted one-shots to balance it all out.

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Road safety banner drive

SCHOOLCHILDREN across Oxfordshire are being urged to design road safety banners ahead of national Road Safety Week.

Oxfordshire uniform specialist Recognition Express Oxfordshire, is joining forces with road safety charity Brake to hold the competition for the eighth year.

Children aged between four and 11 are asked to design a banner with a road safety message on the theme of Make the Brake, ahead of an awareness campaign being launched in November.

Owner of Recognition Express Oxfordshire Andy Olejnik said: "We receive more interest in our road safety banners competition every year, and the quality of entries is always very high."

"This year's theme gives children a lot of scope to focus on an aspect of road safety that captures their imagination. I am sure pupils will have a lot of fun designing banners to keep the road outside their school safe."

Corporate fundraiser at Brake, Abi Smith said: "We welcome the opportunity to partner with Recognition Express, helping to educate children on road safety awareness and giving them a voice to campaign for their communities to become safer."

"Road Safety Week is our annual event getting people, communities, businesses and groups to shout out about road safety and get involved."

"The design a banner competition is a fun and engaging way for schools and children to take part."

For details go to re-oxfordshire.co.uk/roadsafetyweek.



Victoria Prentis Westminster Views

MP FOR NORTH OXFORDSHIRE



PM was such a source of inspiration

AFTER a busy summer, Parliament resumed at the beginning of September. It has been an eventful fortnight.

I have been getting to grips with my new role as a Parliamentary Private Secretary, questioned the Justice Secretary and the Courts Minister in Justice Committee meetings, and secured a 10 Minute Rule Bill for the Horton General Hospital which I will present on October 25.

Prison safety has featured prominently: I discussed it alongside the former Prisons Minister on the BBC's *Victoria Derbyshire Show* and also spoke in a debate on the same subject in Westminster Hall.

While my diary has been jam-packed, work at Westminster was overshadowed last week by news of David Cameron's resignation as Member of Parliament for Witney. I was really sad to hear that my constituency neighbour was standing down with immediate effect. He has been a great source of support and inspiration, both locally and nationally. We will miss him.

David Cameron achieved so much during his time as a Member of Parliament, Leader of the Opposition and as Prime Minister. During his six



David Cameron, who has resigned as MP for Witney

years in post, 1,000 new jobs a day were created. David reformed the Conservative Party and in doing so, brought about equal marriage law and attracted a greater diversity of Conservative voters and candidates. Over a million apprenticeships were

created, encouraging more young people into work. We now have virtually no unemployment in our area. His legacy is significant.

Even while he was Prime Minister, David never lost sight of his constituency role. He was

always keen to support those he represented, attend charity events and worked closely with Oxfordshire's councils at what has been a difficult time for local Government. For us in North Oxfordshire, he has been a constant supporter of the Horton General Hospital campaigns from the beginning.

Even as recently as this summer, with the threatened closure of the Horton maternity unit, he lent his support to our campaign to save the hospital and was committed to doing all that he could to ensure acute services remained at the Horton.

While I am sad to see him go, the by-election will be an interesting time for all of us locally. I look forward to working closely with the next MP for Witney, and wish David and his family the very best as they begin their new life away from Westminster.

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Block Printing: Gluck, 8 London Street, Faringdon. Discover the ancient art of block printing using hand carved wooden blocks made in rural India by skilled artisans. 10am. £15. 07974 081526.

Ex Libris LIVE! Blackwell's Bookshop, 48-51 Broad Street, Oxford. Listen to Tim FitzHigham, Sydney Padua, Andrew Hunter Murray and Andy Robb in the panel show adaptation of Ex Libris, the game of first lines and last words. 7pm. £3. 01865 333623.

Ramblers walk: Cow Common Car Park, Ewelme. Undulating 6½-mile walk via Swyncombe. Pub stop at end. 10am. 01865 890005.

FRIDAY

Culture Crawl for Maggie's Oxford: Maggie's Oxford Centre, Old Road, Headington. An eight-mile part night-walk, part cultural adventure. This year's Culture Crawl will take in Oxford Castle Unlocked, Magdalen College, The OVADA Art Gallery and the Story Museum. The evening will start at the Said Business School, Egrove Park site and end at the Maggie's Oxford Centre with a party. Early Bird registration costs £20, sign up at www.maggiescentres.org/ccoxford 6.30pm. £20-£25. 01865 759955.

The Creation Station: The Emmanuel Church, Barbary Place, Bure Park, Bicester. Baby Discover classes for ages five months to 14 months and Little Explorer classes for toddlers aged 15 months to five years. 9.30am. 07724 321930.

Victory Fashion at Upton House: Upton House & Gardens, Upton House, Banbury. See examples of women's military uniforms, and discover the stories of those who wore them. 1pm. Normal admission prices apply. 01295 670266.

SATURDAY

An Introduction to Bookbinding: Green's Books, 3 Drayton House Court, Drayton St Leonard. Make a simple binding and have a go at hand printing a label. www.greensbooks.co.uk. 9.30am. £90. 07921 457174.

Autumn Sale with Jumble: Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor Bowls Club, Oxford Road, Kingston Bagpuize. 1pm. 50p. 01235 868276.

Didcot & Oxfordshire Toy Fair: Didcot Civic Hall, Britwell Road, Didcot. Visitors are welcome to bring along items from their own collection, either to sell, or to be appraised by the resident team of experts in the Valuation Roadshow. Refreshments served all day. 10am. £2.50, under 16s free. 07708 385061.

Now Whilst My Hands Are Thus Employed: The Oxfordshire Museum, Park Street, Woodstock. Rebecca Scott will speak about three centuries of historic samplers. 2.30pm. £8.

Ramblers walk: Car park behind Stag & Huntsman PH, Hambleton. Ten-mile walk via Henley, Remenham and Aston. Pub or picnic lunch. 10am. 01865 874300.

Scarecrow Festival: Wootton & Dry Sandford Community Centre, Lamborough Hill, Wootton. This year's theme The Wizard of OZ. 10am. £1 per entry. 01235 532816.

SuperHome Open Day: 4 St Denys Close, Stanford in the Vale. Owners of some of the UK's most eco-friendly homes host free open days. SuperHomes are older homes refurbished for greater comfort, lower bills and fewer carbon emissions. The Williams family's 1958 bungalow has a biomass boiler and solar cookers, as well as triple glazing, LED lighting, solar panels and an electric car. See www.superhomes.org.uk/ 138 10am. Free. 01367 710705.

Walk (Fieldpaths): National Trust Car Park (non-members £1 payable), Ewe Pen, Gloucestershire. SP159143 7.5 miles A circular walk to Windrush and Sherborne and through water meadows. A small amount of pavement walking. Bring refreshments for en route break, possible shop at Sherborne. Assistance dogs only. 10am. 01865 240974.

SUNDAY

Bicester and Kidlington Ramblers: St Peter's Church, Stoke Lyne. Moderate 10-mile circular walk taking in Fringford, Juniper Hill, Tusmore and Hardwick. Leader Mary Gough. 10am. 07939 826412.

Little Milton Fun Sports Afternoon: Little Milton Recreation Ground, High Street, Little Milton. To raise funds for the children's playground. One-mile children's sponsored fun run, adult's tug-of-war contest, 5-a-side football tournament, wellie throwing. See www.littlemiltonfunday.com 1pm. 07809 657981.

Risborough Preview Sunday: Chinnor & Princes Risborough Railway, Station Approach, Station Road, Chinnor. The trains will be 'top and tailed' with vintage diesel at one end of the train and our steam locomotive L92 at the other – the diesel will haul the train to the site of what will become a new platform in Princes Risborough during 2017, and then the steam locomotive will haul the train back to Chinnor. Trains at 11am, 12.15pm, 1.30pm, 3pm and 4.30pm. See www.chinnorrailway.co.uk 10am. Adult £11, senior £10, child £6. 07979 055366.

Second Lease Walking Group: Woodford Way Car Park, Woodford Way, Witney. The longer walk is eight miles – Chipping Norton, Churchill and Salford. The shorter walk is five miles – Asthall, Wideford and Swinbrook. 9.30am. 01993 774500.

Wetland Wildlife Walk: Thrupp Lake, Thrupp Lane, Radley. Enjoy a guided walk around Thrupp Lake with local ecologist Ben Carpenter and find out about some of the wetland wildlife that lives there. £5 adult, £2 child; booking essential 9.30am. £5 adult, £2 child. 01865 407792.

MONDAY

Abingdon Scottish Dance Club: Northcourt Centre, Northcourt Road, Abingdon. Beginners and experienced dancers welcome. No partner required. 8pm. Free for the first evening, then £2.50. 01235 525436.

Mums Meet Mondays: Rugrats and Halpints, Beaumont Road, Banbury. 9.30am. £1 per child. 01295 250060.

TUESDAY

Floral Demonstration: Bicester Methodist Hall, Victoria Road, Bicester. Bicester Floral Club presents a floral demonstration entitled 'In A Dream World' by Sharon Badger from South Midlands Area of NAFAS. 7pm. £10.

Latin American Dancing: The Henry Box School Sports Hall, Church Green, Witney. New beginner classes with Pat Anslow. See www.dancewithpatanslow.co.uk 7pm. 07789 974866.

WEDNESDAY

Icknield Way Morris Men: Grove Scout Hut, Grove Recreation Ground, Grove. New dancers and musicians welcome. 8.15pm. First sessions free (annual subs for members). 07805 215468.

Macmillan Coffee Morning: Wadham College, Parks Road, Oxford. Wadham College is offering visitors the opportunity to enjoy coffee and cake in our dining Hall, built in 1610. All proceeds will go to Macmillan Cancer Support. 10am. **Ramblers walk:** Cow Common Car Park, Ewelme. 6½-mile walk via Harcourt Hill. 10am. 01865 890829.

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Music

THURSDAY

Dorchester Abbey, High Street, Dorchester on Thames: Jan Schmolck violin recital. £15. 7.30pm. 07775 904626.

The Cellar, Frewin Court, Oxford: Beth Prior. *Little Acts of Kindness* album launch tour. Reggae/folk/dub/ska. £6. 7.30pm.

The Bullington, 162 Cowley Road, Oxford: Invisible Vegas plus The Bay Rays & Whyte Lytes. 7pm. £6.

O2 Academy Oxford, 190 Cowley Road, Oxford: Gary Numan, I Speak Machine. Electro-punk pioneer celebrating his classic albums *Replicas*, *The Pleasure Principle* and *Telekon*. 7pm. £29.50.

The Wheatsheaf, 129 High Street, Oxford: Time Is Of The Essence. The Spin Jazz Club. Jazz quartet. 8.30pm. £10, £8 (conc), £6 (student).

The Jericho Tavern, 56 Walton Street, Oxford: Dear Hero, Stolby, Laz Cunliffe. Goth-pop and indie. 8pm. **Joe's Bar & Grill, 260 Banbury Road, Oxford:** Maracutaya. Blues-bossa-funk. 8pm. Free.

FRIDAY

Dorchester Abbey, High Street, Dorchester on Thames: Rising Opera Stars. A Tour of Europe through Song with students of Christine Cairns from the Birmingham Conservatoire. £15. 7.30pm. 07775 904626.

Methodist Church, High Street, Witney: Voices and Brass. Brize Singers Annual Concert with Yarnton Brass Band. £6 for Adults, £2 for children. 7.30pm. 01993 772722.

St Mary's Church, Southend, Garsington: Miranda Sykes and Rex Preston. From Show of Hands £11. 7.30pm. 01865 368262.

The James Street Tavern, James Street, Oxford: Mudslide Morris & the Revelators. 9pm.

The White House, Abingdon Road, Oxford: Oxford Folk Club open night. £2. 8.30pm. 01865 768128.

The Bullington, 162 Cowley Road, Oxford: Inheaven plus Pale Waves and Coldredlight. 7pm. £6 adv – MOTD.

The Cellar, Frewin Court, Oxford: Lucy Leave, Slate Hearts and Kancho. UK tour. 7.30pm. £6 (£4 adv).

O2 Academy Oxford, 190 Cowley Road, Oxford: Rat Boy. Rising indie hip-hop star. 6.30pm. £13.

O2 Academy Oxford, 190 Cowley Road, Oxford: G2 Definitive Genesis. Tribute band. 6.30pm. £14.

The Wheatsheaf, 129 High Street, Oxford: Killit, Hell's Gazelles, Dead Man's Whiskey. Rock/metal. 8pm.

SATURDAY

Dorchester Abbey, High Street, Dorchester on Thames: Michel Tirabosco pan pipes, OSJ strings. £20/£30/£37.50. 7.30pm. 07775 904626.

Headington Conservative Club, 60 Windmill Road, Headington: Country & Western with Muscles and Curves Country Band. £5. 8.30pm. 01865 439400.

Marston Royal British Legion, Hadow Road, Marston: The Two R's. Free. 8pm. 01865 243991.

St Giles Church, St Giles, Oxford:

Karen Street with Streetworks. £12/£10 (concessions)/£5 students with ID. 7.30pm. 01865 510460.

St Mary's Church, Church Green, Witney: Celebrity Organ Recital with Joseph Nolan (St George's Cathedral, Perth, Australia). Free. 7pm.

The Old Fire Station, 40 George Street, Oxford: The Leisure Society: Acoustic Tour. £4.50, cheaper adv. 8.20pm. 01865 395527.

University Church of St Mary, High Street, Oxford: Stephen Ellery with the Oxford Sinfonia. £15 (£12). 7.30pm. 07775 904626.

The Jericho Tavern, 56 Walton Street, Oxford: Cover Me ft. Reg Berry & The Cherries, Shades. Classic soul and rhythm & blues covers. 7pm.

The Wheatsheaf, 129 High Street, Oxford: The Deadbeat Apostles, Tall Poppies, Claire LeMaster. 8.20pm-11.20pm/£4.50, cheaper advance.

Black Swan, Crown Street, Oxford: The Mighty Redox. All original psycho-eclectic rock. 8pm. Free.

The Cellar, Frewin Court, Oxford: Psychedelic Circus. 12-hour psychedelia happening with live music, cabaret, Lucid DJs, films, light shows & installations. 3pm-3am. £8.

O'Neill's, 37 George Street, Oxford: Sean Rivers. Acoustic pop and rock covers. 10pm. Free.

SUNDAY

Dorchester Abbey, High Street, Dorchester on Thames: Opera Gala. OSJ with Ilona Domnich soprano, Louise Wayman soprano, Francesca Saracino mezzo. John Lubbock conductor. £20/£30/£37.50. 7.30pm. 07775 904626.

Jacqueline du Pre Music Building, St Hilda's College, Cowley Place, Oxford: Family Cushion Concert – Flute. Rozzy & Mr Cello introduce the flute for children and their families. Bring your own cushions. £5 or £16 for family of four. 10am. 01865 286660.

Florence Park Community Centre, Cornwallis Road, Oxford: Jason Carter, Jali Fily Cissoko. Sunday Sessions. Family friendly session with local world music acts. 2pm. £5.

The Wheatsheaf, 129 High Street, Oxford: Krysthla, The Ver Living, Kill For Company. Rock/metal. 7.30pm. £6 (adv), £8 (otd).

Oxford Wine Cafe, 38 South Parade, Summertown, Oxford: Pete Oxley Quartet (guitar, piano, bass & drums). 6.30-9pm. Free.

The Wheatsheaf, 129 High Street, Oxford: Scott Gordon Band, Richard Brotherton, Purple May, LeighverFuel, Freddy Le Cragg. 3.30pm-8.30pm. Free.

The Cellar, Frewin Court, Oxford: Ulrika Spacek + Guests. Critically acclaimed London psych-rockers. 7pm. £7 adv – MOTD.

MONDAY

Oxford Playhouse, Beaumont Street, Oxford: An Audience with Lesley Garrett. Join Britain's most popular soprano for a delightful evening of song, stories and chat. £14 to £25. 7.30pm. 01865 305305.

The Bullington, 162 Cowley Road, Oxford: Stevie Nimmo. The Haven Club. Blues. 8pm. £10 (adv), £12 (otd).

TUESDAY

The North Wall, South Parade,

Oxford: Karen Matheson. £16 (£13 concession). 8pm. 01865 319450. **The Bullington, 162 Cowley Road, Oxford:** Stuart Henderson Band. Leading trumpet player fronts quartet. 8.30pm. Free.

WEDNESDAY

The Lamb Inn, 59 Mill Street, Wantage: Dave Moorwood's Rascals of Rhythm and Graham Hughes. Five-piece swing band. 8.30pm. Free.

The Bullington, 162 Cowley Road, Oxford: Loyle Carner. 7pm. £12 adv. **The Wheatsheaf, 129 High Street, Oxford:** Ras Brother John, Self Help, Bofuz. Hip hop, punk & art-pop. 7.45pm. £6.

The Half Moon, 18 St Clements, Oxford: Trish Elphinstone Quintet. Local jazz ensemble. 8.30pm. Free.

O2 Academy Oxford, 190 Cowley Road, Oxford: The Warlocks, Dead Rabbits, Pipeline. LA psychedelic rockers. 6.30pm. £12.

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Burton Taylor Studio, Beaumont Street, Oxford: Sep 26, *The Amplitude*. Part physics class, part sound technology lecture and part dance performance, this is a show about sound and space. 7.30pm. £10 (£8). 01865 305305.

Glee Club, Hythe Bridge Street, Oxford: Sep 22, James Acaster. 7pm. £15, £13 student. Sep 30, Isy Suttie. Award-winning comedian, writer, songwriter and actress tours her new show. 7pm. £14. 0871 472 04007.

Old Fire Station, 40 George Street, Oxford: Sep 22-23, *It's Crumpled, Needs Ironing/Presto And Clown*. A double bill of new plays. 7.30pm. £10/£8. Sep 29, *Nine Lives*. New play from Zodwa Nyoni, Channel 4 Writer in Residence 2014, tells the real story behind asylum headlines. 7.30pm. £12/£10. Sep 30, *The Curiositorium*. Award-winning The Dead Secrets bring you a labyrinthine sketch comedy adventure. 7.30pm. £12/£10. 01865 263990.

Oxford Playhouse, Beaumont Street, Oxford: Until Sep 24, *A Tale of Two Cities*. 7.30pm. £11.50-£27. Sep 28-Oct 1, *Observe the Sons of Ulster Marching Towards the Somme*. Iconic war play by Frank McGuinness. Various times. £11.50-£27. 01865 305305.

New Theatre, George Street, Oxford: Sep 25, *Sean Lock: Keep It Light*. 8pm. £27.15 plus £2.85 transaction fee. Sep 27-Oct, *Cats*. 7.30pm plus 2.30pm on Wed and Sat. £15-£44.50 plus £4 transaction fee. 0844 871 7615.

The North Wall Arts Centre, South Parade, Oxford: Sep 24, *Bourgeois & Maurice: How to Save the World Without Really Trying*. A thought-provoking, handy guide to engaging with the complex issues of today's geopolitical climate, without too much effort on anyone's part. 8pm. £16 (£13 concession). Sep 28, *A Gambler's Guide To Dying*. The story of one boy's granddad who won a fortune betting on the 1966 football World Cup and, when diagnosed with cancer, gambled it all on living to see the year 2000. 7.30pm. £14 (£12 concession). 01865 319450. **Chipping Norton Theatre, Spring Street, Chipping Norton:** Sep 26-28, *Travels with my Aunt*. By Graham Greene. 7.45pm. £15 (£13). Sep 30. Grand Gala Auction hosted by Alexander Armstrong. £10. 7pm. 01608 642350. **Urnicon Theatre, Checker Walk, Abingdon:** Until Sep 24, *The Government Inspector*. Studio Theatre Club. £10 (£9).

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Barcelos exits with cup brace

University-bound striker joins in Puritans' pounding

BANBURY United have been handed a tough tie after reaching the FA Cup's third qualifying round for the first time in 13 years.

Mike Ford's men swept into the draw after dishing out a 6-1 hammering to ten-man hosts Cirencester Town.

Their reward is another away game, at Vanarama National League South outfit Wealdstone on Saturday, October 1.

The clash is unlikely to be as straightforward as the game at Cirencester.

Felipe Barcelos scored twice on his last appearance for the Puritans before going to university, while there was also a debut goal for Conor McDonagh, following

FOOTBALL

his move from Oxford City.

But the star was Zac McEachran, who marked his return from injury with a goal and set up two more.

Cirencester, who also play in the Evo-Stik Southern League Premier Division, had teenage defender Alfie Kilgour sent off after 11 minutes for a reckless challenge on Jacob Blackstock.

The Puritans took the lead after 17 minutes, when Barcelos turned in Blackstock's cross.

McEachran made it 2-0 on the half-hour, exchanging passes with Oxford United loanee George Jeacock before stabbing home.

In the second half, sub McDonagh made an impact by tucking away a chance laid on by McEachran on 55 minutes.

Barcelos got his second goal ten minutes later from McDonagh's cross.

Then Ricky Johnson's header was saved by keeper Harvey Rivers and deflected in off Cirencester captain Matt Liddiard for an own goal.

Liddiard pulled a goal back in stoppage time, but with the last kick Callum White smashed home to give Banbury their sixth goal.

Banbury Utd: Harding, White, Blackstock, Nash, Fawke, Gunn, McEachran (Browne 58), Westbrook, Johnson, Jeacock (McDonagh HT), Barcelos (Janes 75). Subs not used: Bell, Self, Rimmer, Davies.

Attendance: 155.



Felipe Barcelos hit two goals in his last Puritans game before leaving for university

Banbury slip after fast start

RUGBY UNION

BANBURY were unable to build on a positive start in losing 36-28 to Grove at Bodicote Park.

The hosts, who lost props Manu Paniagua and Ian Isham to injury in the second half, led 14-3 early on in the South West 1 East clash.

Chris Phillips and Carl Daniels crossed either side of a Sam Vaughan penalty for Grove, with both tries converted by Ed Phillips.

Steve Dixey dotted down for the visitors, with Vaughan converting, before Ed Phillips's penalty nudged Banbury further ahead.

But Grove led 22-17 at the break, thanks to tries from Dave Wells and Josh Tyler. Vaughan converting the latter.

Scrum half Joe Chilvers was next to go over for the visitors, with Vaughan making it 29-17.

Two Ed Phillips penalties kept the home side in touch, but Connor Hull's try, converted by Vaughan, stretched the lead to 36-23.

Banbury full back Max Titchener's unconverted try was too late to salvage anything at the death.

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ARIES

Mar 21-Apr 19

Something you were not looking forward to will turn out to be a great source of delight and enjoyment for you. I can see that you've been under immense pressure but, as the coming days pass, you prove you're a sign born to live life to the full, not wallow in self pity. Jupiter replaces missing funds by Friday. Ring now to hear who you should not rely on at this time.

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TAURUS

Apr 20-May 20

Communications are not what they should be, so your words and actions could be easily misconstrued. If you want a job doing properly, then it may be better to do it yourself. You have worked too hard to let others ruin your reputation now Taurus. Lost possessions turn up in unexpected places. Ring now to hear how the Sun blesses reconciliations.

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GEMINI

May 21-Jun 20

Many of the signs are going to be trying to lead you astray, but they can only succeed if you let them. Be aware of all you are agreeing to or you could end up with egg on your face. The chance to try your hand at something new should be accepted and could in fact turn out to be just what the doctor ordered. Ring now to hear why it would not be a good idea to chance that ex this week.

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CANCER

Jun 21-Jul 22

There is a really generous feel to your nature over the coming days, but just make sure it doesn't turn into a glibbie one. A debt you were hoping to avoid may be better settled, as your reputation is at stake, more than you may realise. Cash flow problems at the weekend can be solved if you do your sums sooner rather than later. Ring now to hear whose friendship I think is false.

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LEO

Jul 23-Aug 22

It's a week in which to think about the way you present yourself to those you meet. It could also be a good time to redo your cv and update your status on any work related social media. You can reach those who have the power to help you make that all important crossover. A better mood is evident and could be due to the influence of a certain person! Ring now to hear how compatible they are.

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VIRGO

Aug 23-Sep 22

An expensive week, but also a worthwhile one as you get to see how much higher you can afford to aim. Careful of those you work with trying to steal your ideas. You may be better to play your cards closer to your chest for now. A change to family dynamics brings a different feel to your inner circle from Tuesday. Ring now to better understand the opportunity your stars bring.

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LIBRA

Sep 23-Oct 22

There is a really intense feel to your chart which may make it hard for you to know who is friend and who is foe. Why do you have to judge so soon Libra? The truth is, you don't. Be true to you and follow your dreams. This is one week where patience really is a virtue. Contact from someone you never expected to hear from again brings surprise and a smile. Ring now, we have lots to talk about.

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SCORPIO

Oct 23-Nov 21

Don't waste time and money on those who give nothing back to your life. Friendships and relationships should be a two way street. If you have pride in you, then others will have to show you respect. Lie down and be walked over and of course they will treat you like a doormat. Gemini prove an asset to family dramas. Ring now to find out why this is such a special time for family.

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SAGITTARIUS

Nov 22-Dec 21

Someone you didn't want to have to see again enters your circle and you may feel as if you have to entertain them for the sake of those you do care for. Not so. Reasons for you being able to take such a stubborn stand become clear on Sunday. An old talent comes into use on Friday and can put life back into your social circle. Ring now so I can help you benefit from this busy week.

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CAPRICORN

Dec 22-Jan 19

Try to be careful of acting on gossip you hear, as many of the signs are talking for the sake of it and will say what they have to in order to look good. Trust in old business contacts to tie up deals and get the job done. Fellow Capricorns can and will keep your secrets if you feel the need to share them. Ring now to hear why it's such a special time where young faces in your life are concerned.

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AQUARIUS

Jan 20-Feb 18

You have been listening to everyone's advice but your own and it would be a good idea for you to spend some time alone to remember what your original plan was. By going back to the beginning of your story you will see with ease what the next step should be. Emotions on Thursday could see you saying things you regret. Hold back. Ring now so I can bring calm and peace.

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PISCES

Feb 19-Mar 20

There is a far more comfortable feeling to your personal life than we have seen in months and this can only have a positive effect on your relationships and finances. You have the power to change the mind of even the most stubborn of faces, so put your time and energy where you know it's most needed and beneficial. Ring now for more on this forward thinking chapter you are in.

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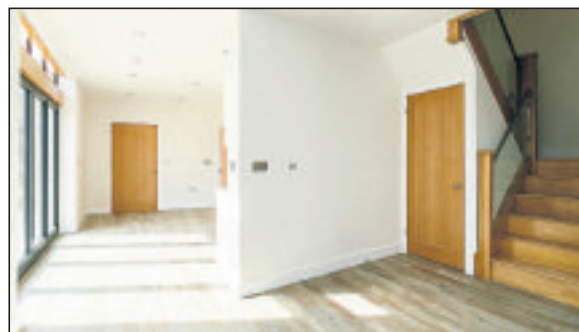
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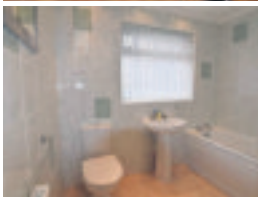
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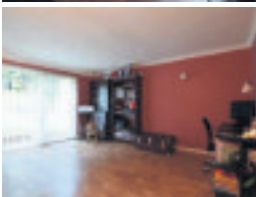
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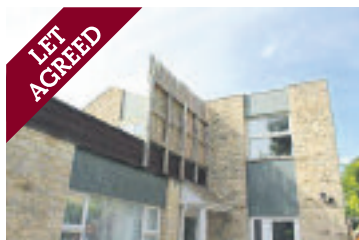
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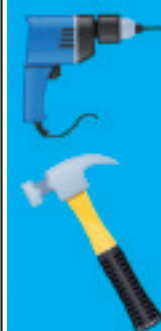
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Auris, better drive, smarter sensibility



MORE dynamic, better equipped and cheaper to run than its predecessor; the original version of Toyota's second generation British-built Auris family hatchback offered more confident, sleeker styling, improved ride and handling and more efficient engines. Plus it continued its leadership in this segment when it came to hybrid power. The car represented a big step forward for the brand but does it represent a strong used buy?

The History

We buy cars for all sorts of reasons, some sensible but others rather more personal. While it's the extreme designs that tend to grab the headlines, there's still a lot to be said for cars that simply work ever so effectively in the real world: like this one, the second generation version of Toyota's Auris.

It's a family hatchback developed from experience that bought us the best selling car of this kind of all time, Toyota's Corolla, 35 million examples of which were sold in its lifetime before the first generation Auris model took over in 2007. This original Auris, its name derived from the Latin, 'aurum', for gold, arrived as a safe and sensible choice that built upon the strengths

of its predecessor without threatening the Focus and Golf fraternity in any particular way. It did though, have the distinction of pioneering hybrid power in this segment back in 2010.

But the world's biggest brand needed to do more in a market increasingly demanding more dynamic, appealingly styled, hi-tech and efficient products. With tough competition not only from the mainstream makers but also from up-and-coming Korean budget brands, it needed to bring us a car like this, the second generation Auris model, launched here at the very end of 2012. At its introduction, this model still led the way with hybrid power but could also offer more. Toyota claimed that the more mainstream choices had become more efficient and crucially, more desirable too. This car sold until mid-2015, when it was replaced by a facelifted version with a smarter interior and a much improved engine range.

What To Look For

You are joking, right? In all seriousness, very little goes wrong with the Toyota Auris. Look for the usual parking scuffs and scraped alloy wheels. Check the wear on tyres for

signs of suspension misalignment and check that the car has been regularly oil serviced. Otherwise, there's not really much else to worry about. The interiors have proven hardwearing although the one moan existing Auris owners repeat about their cars is that the complex dashboard mouldings can creak and rattle.

On The Road

With the first generation Auris, you could pretty much skip over this driving experience section. In fact, providing that, like most family hatchback buyers, your priority was driving comfort, it offered roadgoing dynamics that were actually quite impressive. You might have your doubts before getting behind the wheel, but you might be quite surprised at what's on offer if you do.

Refinement isn't impressive, despite the engineers' best efforts, unless of course you're in the clever hybrid model cruising along on silent battery power (as is possible in this variant for up to 1.2 miles if you switch into its 'EV' mode). This petrol/electric Auris is unique in this segment, combining a 1.8-litre VVT-i combustion engine with an electric motor to create a combined

power output of 134bhp, accessible via a 6-speed CVT auto gearbox that's supposed to make a better job of matching vehicle speed with engine revs than its predecessor. Better to chill out, throttle back and enjoy the journey, at which point this car transforms itself into a beautifully laid-back, efficient form of family travel.

As befits its hi-tech status, the Hybrid Auris gets the more sophisticated of the two suspension systems offered across the range, a double wishbone set-up also used on the more conventional 130bhp 1.6-litre Valvematic petrol variant. This doesn't have the all-round cleverness of rival turbo or three cylinder units but it'll probably suit undemanding Auris people just fine, with a respectable turn of speed that'll see you to sixty in 10.5s and on to 124mph.

Toyota has assumed that the two remaining choices in the line-up, the 89bhp 1.4-litre D-4D diesel and the 98bhp 1.33-litre VVT-i petrol, will be driven by people who care less about ride and handling, hence their need to make do with a simpler torsion beam rear suspension set-up.

Overall

If you're the kind of person who brings uncompromising reason to the purchase decision when it comes to getting yourself a family hatchback, then you'll bond with this MK2 model Auris right away. Optimal Drive technology, hybrid power, low servicing costs, impressive residuals: it'll all be music to your ears.

Much of that was offered by the first generation version of this Toyota, but what changed with this replacement model was that the car managed to offer a bit more, with sharper looks, extra equipment and better drive dynamics. As a result, with a choice of petrol, diesel or hybrid, hatch or estate, this generation Auris deserves to finally shake off its image as a family hatchback makeweight. And makes a very decent used buy.

There are, it's true, still more dynamic, more versatile and more up-market-feeling choices in this class, but few are now able to stack up as well as an overall ownership proposition. Finally then, a family hatchback with a Toyota badge that's class-competitive in almost every way. It was a long time coming.



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